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TO: Park and Recreation Board

FROM: Councilmember Marti Emerald

SUBJECT: Officer Jeremy Henwood Tribute in City Heights, Item 102

San Diego Police Officer Jeremy Henwood was universally respected by his colleagues and the people of City Heights. He was a war hero who served his country during tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He cared deeply about his career in law enforcement, and was dedicated to serving and protecting our neighborhoods. He held great promise for becoming a leader in San Diego law enforcement.

Unfortunately, Officer Henwood was denied his promising career and a long productive life. He was gunned down on August 7, 2011 in the line of duty. The killing of Officer Henwood took a piece out of all of us. He was doing his job. He made us all feel safer, more confident to live our lives and go about our business on the streets of Mid City. His last known encounter was with a young boy at the City Heights McDonalds, where he reached into his own pocket to buy the boy a meal.

This simple act of kindness touched all of our hearts. Officer Henwood was a good and generous man to the end. After his senseless death, the City Heights community gathered in our Urban Village Square to pay tribute to him. This postage stamp of land became hallowed ground, for a community in mourning, coming together to offer support to the Henwood family, to our police officers and our neighbors, sharing prayers and tears for a life that ended too soon.

Many of us who live, work and advocate for the communities of City Heights hold Officer Henwood in our hearts and have longed for some lasting tribute to this good man who died far too young. Naming our community square after Officer Henwood would be a fitting honor to this fine young man and all that he represented: men and women everywhere who are willing to lay down their lives to protect others.

Thank you for considering this tribute to Officer Henwood. I look forward to working with the City Heights community to dedicate our park and convey our deep and lasting respect for a great citizen and friend.

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CC: Honorable Mayor Filner
William Lansdowne, Chief of Police